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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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**Re: Inquiry Regarding Bill Round Up Programs for Jurisdictional Utilities
Docket Number: ND-2019-4-A**

Informational Letter Regarding Share the Light Fund

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please see the attached letter from Marcus Preston, Director of Regulatory Affairs, regarding Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Share the Light Fund.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via electronic mail.

Sincerely,

Katie M. Brown

Enclosure

cc: Parties of record



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**Re: Duke Energy Progress, LLC's and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's
Informational Letter Regarding the Share the Light Fund
Docket Number: ND-2019-4-A**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") with an update regarding Duke Energy Progress, LLC's ("DEP") and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" and together with DEP, "the "Companies") Share the Light Fund.

On November 30, 2021, the Companies launched the Share the Light Fund – a new, integrated program designed to provide increased financial assistance to customers struggling to pay their energy bills. The Share the Light Fund (formerly known as Share the Warmth) brings together customers and communities to help individuals and families struggling to pay their energy bills. Like Share the Warmth, any customer can help by contributing via the Share the Light Fund option on their monthly bill. Customers can make a one-time contribution to the Share the Light Fund when they pay their bill online, make a monthly contribution that will automatically be added to their monthly bills, or make a one-time donation via their monthly bill or mail in a payment.

The Share the Light Fund contains a newly implemented feature that will allow customers to contribute by rounding up their monthly bills to the next full dollar amount. The roundup feature also fulfills the Companies' commitment to explore the benefits of such a program as presented to the Commission in ND-2019-4-A.

On April 3, 2019, the Commission issued Order No. 2019-244, wherein it directed its Staff to schedule a generic workshop to gather information regarding "Bill Round Up Programs" for

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jurisdictional utilities. The Commission subsequently conducted a generic workshop related to “Bill Round Up Programs” on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, and strongly encouraged all jurisdictional utilities to participate in the generic workshop. DEC and DEP, along with other utilities and consumer organizations, participated in the generic workshop and provided the Commission with a vision for a roundup program. The roundup feature of the Share the Light Fund is a fulfillment of the vision and commitment to assist low income customers the Companies presented to the Commission during the generic workshop. The Companies will also continue to work in partnership with agencies to distribute funds to qualifying customers to pay energy bills, deposits, and reconnection/connection charges.

The Companies are also pledging to match up to \$1 million in contributions made to the Share the Light Fund. The Companies realize that increasing fuels costs and colder temperatures mean higher energy bills. With many customers still recovering from the negative economic impacts of the pandemic, providing assistance to our vulnerable customers is more important than ever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcus O. Preston".

Marcus O. Preston